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L	Underground	Ammunition	Factory	at	Jobbágyi	Ŧ

- a. In April 1950, the 618/4 Labor Battalion was moved from Hatvan to Jobbigyi where it was placed at the disposal of No. 23/1 State Construction Trust (Allami Epitsipari Treszt) which was engaged in building a new ammunition factory.
- b.. The total number of workers employed on the site was about 2,300. Work was organized in two 10-hour shifts daily.
- c. When the 618/4 Labor Battalion arrived at Jobbagyi, three large tunnels had already been bored into the hill.east of the town and the battalion's first task was the removal of earth and stones.
- d. During 1950 the three railway links to the mouths of the tunnels were completed. In mid-fall 1950, work was begun on construction inside the hill. There was a chronic shortage of cement which delayed progress
 - considerably. Safety precautions, particularly in regard to temporary shoring up of passages and chambers, were very inadequate with the result that accidents occured frequently; in these some 20 workmen lost their lives 50X1-HUM

e. In February 1951 production machinery began to arrive,

The machines were

mostly Russian but a few were Hungarian, German, and Czech.

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	f.	50X1-HUM
		(1.) the plant will have no foundry and its function will be to produce from semi-finished parts (felkeszgyártmány) supplied by other factories;
	((2.) the plant is to produce artillery and mortar ammunition (less fuses and warheads) at the rate of 150-200 tons per day; 50X1-HUM
	((3.) about 3,500 workers will be employed in three daily shifts. 50X1-HUM
	g.	The first groups of industrial workers arrived in April 1951. production began in May 1951.
2.	Unde	rground Factory at Felnemet
	a.	At the end of April 1951, the 618/4 Labor Battalion was moved to
		Felnemet and placed at the disposal of the No. 36/2 State Construction Trust which was then engaged in construction of an underground "ceramics factory" (see paragraph 2d below). The work was not regarded as secret.
	b.	The work was very similar to the one at Jobbagyi and consisted of clearing an underground tunnel in the hill east of the town. There was no other labor battalion at the site; there were other laborers, however, of unknown status, and the total labor force numbered about 1,200.
	c.	Work was facilitated by the use of three Russian mechanical excavators, thus the progress was rapid. 50X1-HUM
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	d.	the "ceramics factory" was nothing of the sort, but a small arms ammunition plant instead. In November 1951 machinery arrived; this included drills
		and boring machines.
Encl	sure	 Sketch of the constructions at Jobbagyi. Sketch of the constructions at Felnemet.
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1.	50-C	Comment: The factory at Jobbagyi might be identical with the alled Andezit Works 50X1-HUM

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Underground Ammunition Factory, Jobbagyi

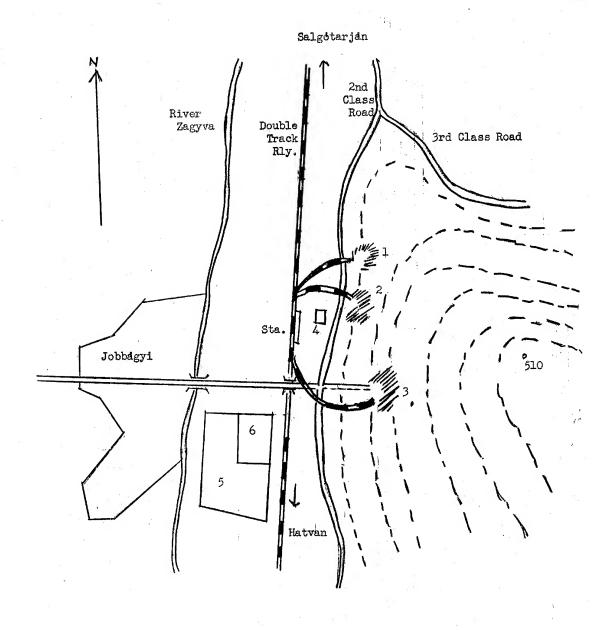
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Legend:

- Disused quarries. Now, tunnelled entrances.
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- Disused quary. Now, tunnelled exit.
 Administrative offices.
 "Free Workers" Camp. Barbed wire perimeter.
- Labor Battalion Enclosure. Stockade perimeter.



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SKETCH 2

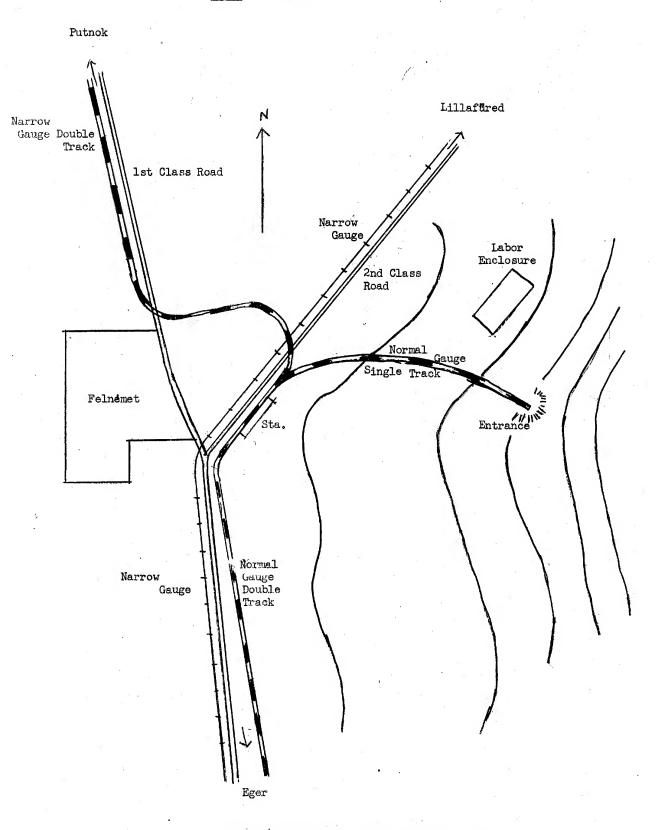
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Underground Factory at Felnémet

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